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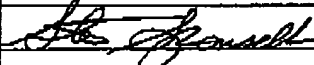
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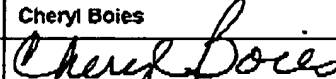
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	First Named Inventor	Victor Keith Blanco	
	Group Art Unit	3713	
	Examiner Name	KIM T NGUYEN	
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### **Complete if Known**

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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
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Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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Applicant ..... Microsoft Corporation  
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Examiner ..... KIM T NGUYEN  
Attorney's Docket No. .... MS1-770US  
Title: Method and Apparatus for Creating and Playing Soundtracks in a Gaming  
System

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND**  
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